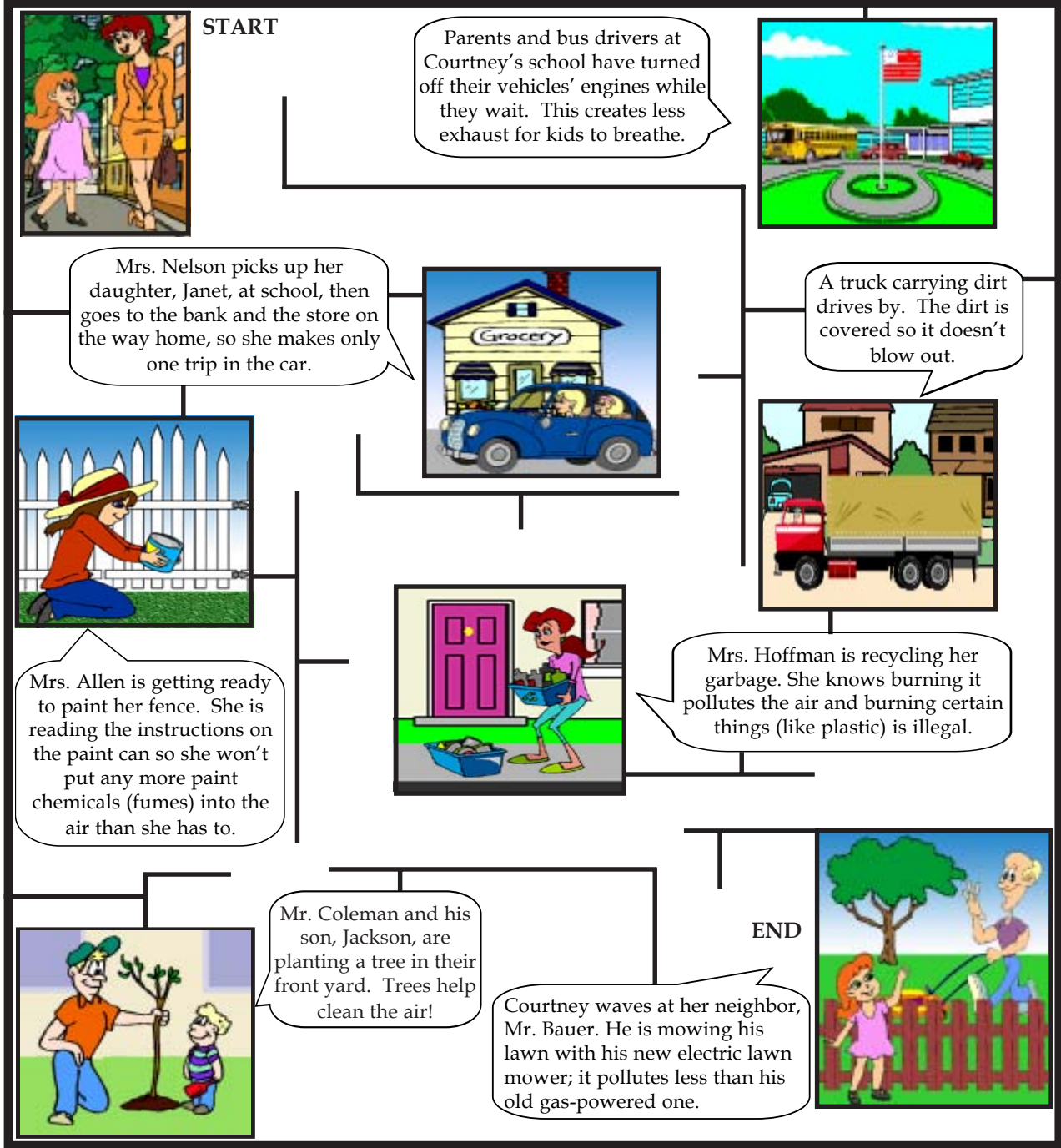


Walk home from school with Courtney and her mom and see what good things their neighbors are doing to keep the air clean.



Do You Care About Air?

Which air would you rather breathe?



Clean Air

- ✓ Lets us see for miles
- ✓ Doesn't smell
- ✓ Helps keep us healthy
- ✓ Is easy to breathe
- ✓ Helps plants grow



Polluted Air

- ✓ Blocks out views
- ✓ Stinks!
- ✓ Can make us sick
- ✓ Is hard to breathe
- ✓ Hurts plants

Every living thing “breathes” somehow—you, your mom and dad, your goldfish, even the tree in your front yard! If our air is polluted, it can become hard to breathe and can even harm us.

The Air We Breathe

Courtney woke up one morning and noticed that the air outside was very smoky. She heard her mom and dad talking about air pollution and about keeping her inside because she has asthma, but she didn’t understand everything they said or why she might not be able to go outside. Help Courtney understand by drawing lines from her questions to the right answers.

Courtney’s Questions

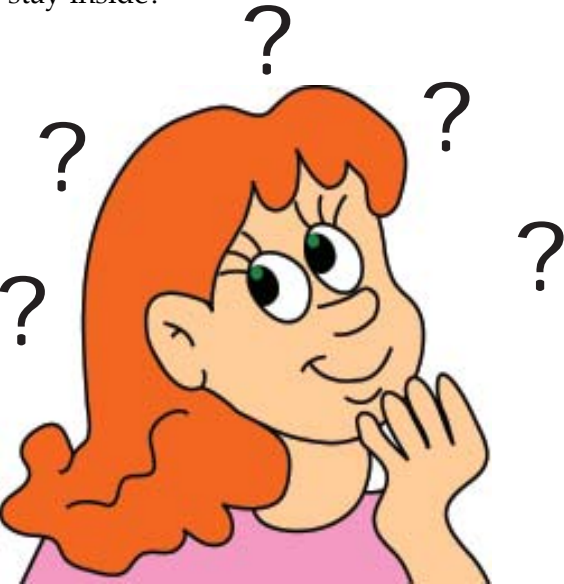
What is air pollution?

What causes air pollution?

Can I help stop air pollution?

How can I know if the air is polluted?

Why might I have to stay inside?



Answers

Many things can cause air pollution. Sometimes air pollution comes from natural things, like smoke from a wildfire. Sometimes air pollution comes from things that people do or make, like exhaust from a car.

Yes, you can! One thing you can do is ride your bike or take the bus to school instead of asking Mom or Dad to drive you.

Polluted air can be hard to breathe. If you have asthma or other breathing problems, it can make it worse. If pollution is bad, it is best to stay inside.

If the air is polluted, you or your mom or dad can find out from the TV, a newspaper, or the Web. An “Air Quality Alert” will tell you how polluted the air is and what to do.

Air pollution is anything in the air that can hurt people or hurt the environment.

What Causes Air Pollution?

Some air pollution is caused by people; some is caused by nature. Some pollution, like smoke and blowing dust, can be caused by people or nature. Circle the pictures that are ways people cause air pollution in RED. Circle the pictures that are ways nature causes air pollution in GREEN.



What Can I Do To Stop Air Pollution?

One thing you can do is not ask Mom or Dad to drive you in the car. There are lots of other fun ways to get around! Find the ways listed below in the word search. Can you think of others? (Words may be forward, backward, or diagonal; look for the underlined words.)

- jog run hop ride a skateboard
- take the bus ride a bike skip carpool (ride with a friend)
- ride a scooter ride a horse walk bounce on a pogo stick

